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SUBJECT: VIET-NAM VETERANS APRIL 17 APPEAL TO US CONGRESS

REF: SAIGON 5121

TEXT OF TELEGRAM TO US CONGRESS, MENTIONED IN PARA 3 OF  
REFTEL, FOLLOWS:

"FOLLOWING OUR APPEALS TO BROTHER ASSOCIATIONS IN US AND  
AMERICAN PEOPLE, TODAY WE MORE THAN 500,000 VIETNAM VETERANS  
LEGION MEMBERS EXPRESS OUR BELIEF IN COMMITMENT OF US  
GOVERNMENT AND AMERICAN PEOPLE TO SUPPORT OUR FIGHT FOR  
INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM. WE ARE VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE  
FACT THAT MANY DISTINGUISHED US CONGRESSMEN HAVE WORKED ON  
REFUGEE RELIEF PROJECT TO VIETNAM; HOWEVER, WE WANT YOU TO  
KNOW THAT HUMANITARIAN AID ONLY MEANINGFUL WHENEVER WE HAVE  
SUFFICIENT MILITARY AID TO DEFEND THE REMAINING SVN. YOUR  
TIMELY DECISION AT THIS CRITICAL MOMENT WILL HAVE HISTORICAL  
MEANING THAT ALL FRIENDS OF US AROUND THE WORLD MUST OBSERVE.  
I ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM YOU OUR JUBILANCE  
UPON RECEIVING SUPPORT FROM US VETERANS WHO HAD EVER FOUGHT  
BRAVELY IN SVN. THESE AMERICAN TRADITIONS OF COURAGE AND  
GENEROSITY HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED IN AMERICAN LEGION'S RECENT  
TELEGRAM TO VVL AS FOLLOWS: "THE AMERICAN LEGION HAS MADE  
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REPEATED APPEALS TO OUR PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO RESUME

PROVISION OF SUFFICIENT MILITARY AID TO STOP NVN AGRESSION.  
NATIONAL COMMANDER WAGONSELLER IS SPEAKING THROUGHOUT THE  
COUNTRY AND IN PRESS INTERVIEWS ON URGENCY OF  
RESUMPTION AND CONTINUATION OF AID TO YOUR BELEAGUERED  
NATION. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO  
HELP ASSURE THE SURVIVAL OF A FREE SOUTH VIETNAM." SINCERELY,  
SENATOR PHAM DO THANH, CHAIRMAN VIETNAMESE VETERANS LEGION."  
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